

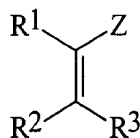
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

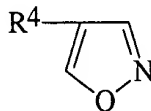
Claim 1. (Amended) A photothermographic material having, on a support, at least an image-forming layer containing a non-photosensitive silver salt, a photosensitive silver halide and a binder and a protective layer outer than the image-forming layer on the support, and the photothermographic material satisfies at least one of the following Conditions I and II:

Condition I

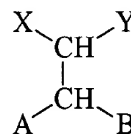
at least one of the layers formed on the image-forming layer side of the support contains at least one compound selected from compounds represented by the following formula (1), (2) or (3), and the NH_4^+ content in all the layers formed on the image-forming layer side of the support is 0.06 mmol/m^2 or less:



(1)



(2)



(3)

wherein:

in the formula (1), R^1 , R^2 and R^3 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent, Z represents an electron-withdrawing group, and R^1 and Z, R^2 and R^3 , R^1 and R^2 , or R^3 and Z may be combined with each other to form a ring

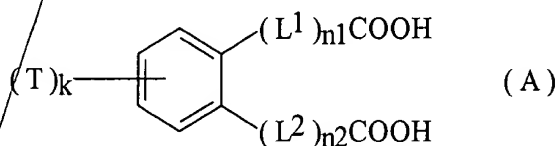
structure,

in the formula (2), R^4 represents a substituent,

in the formula (3), X and Y each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent, A and B each independently represents an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an alkylamino group, an aryloxy group, an arylthio group, an anilino group, a heterocyclyloxy group, a heterocyclylthio group or a heterocyclylamino group, and X and Y or A and B may be combined with each other to form a ring structure:

Condition II

at least one of the layers formed on the image-forming layer side of the support contains a nucleating agent, and at least one of the layers formed on the image-forming layer side of the support contains at least one compound represented by the following formula (A), and film surface pH of the image-forming layer side of the support is substantially unchanged after coating:



wherein:

in the formula (A), T represents a monovalent substituent, k represents an integer of 0-4; when k is 2 or more, two or more of T may be the same or different from each other or one another and